

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2498 - HB 2573

February 15, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that submitting a false report of bomb, fire or other emergency will be punished as a Class E felony. Also changes the punishment for submitting a false report to law enforcement officer with intent to hinder or obstruct the officer from a Class E felony to a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,500/Incarceration*
Decrease State Expenditures - \$27,100/Incarceration*
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes one Class E felony conviction each year for false report of bomb, fire or other emergency. Also assumes six convictions each year will be punished as a Class A misdemeanor instead of a Class E felony for hindering or obstructing a law enforcement officer. The increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under these provisions is not estimated to be significant.

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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